

### REMARKS

Applicant has canceled claims 1-9 without prejudice to filing a continuation application on the cancelled subject matter.

Applicant has amended claim 10 to correct minor antecedent basis errors and to clarify language that the resistor voltage divider has a resistance selected to provide from the DC/DC converter a fixed output voltage that is less than the full charge voltage of the rechargeable cell.

Claim 11 has been amended to correct a minor grammatical error. Claim 14 has been amended to clarify that the switching type DC/DC boost type converter delivers an output voltage that corresponds to about 90% charge of the rechargeable cell. See Applicant's specification Page 3 lines 7-8 for instance.

Applicant notes that the examiner indicated that claims 1-3, 5-9 were rejected over Matsuura and Park but indicated allowance of claims 10, 11, 14-17 and 19-26. In the examiner's reasons for allowance the examiner indicated that the references teach "a switching type DC/DC boost type converter that receives energy from a primary cell, and is arranged to deliver the energy to rechargeable cell \*\*\* ." Applicant disagrees. Applicant contends that the references neither describe nor suggest among other things, "a switching type DC/DC boost type converter that receives energy from a primary cell and delivers the energy to a rechargeable cell at a fixed output voltage that is less than the full charge voltage of the rechargeable cell."

Early allowance is respectfully requested. Please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

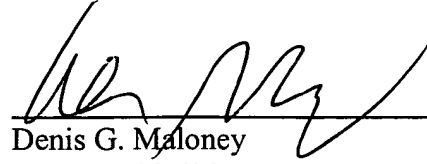
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